

--- “Series of 1881” - TOBACCO - London Division “L 11” ---

--- 1/2 pound - lithographed in black ink on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove ---

--- RP-227 - *perforated 12* - with 4 mm. blue controls - 238 x 20 mm. - scanned at 67% scale ---

--- inscribed *S.M. Return No. / W. J. Gerald / Collector* ---

Chris Ryan reports that *W. J. Gerald* was named Collector at London on April 1st 1881

John McKay records that 247,410 *lithographed* copies of “1/2 Black Tobacco” were ‘Delivered’ under the **3rd BABN Contract**.

John McKay further records that 40,570 *lithographed* copies of “1/2 lb. Black Ribbon Tobacco” were ‘Delivered’ under the **4th BABN Contract**. These, listed in the final section of the Contract, were ‘Delivered’ for destruction. As such they do not enter into the exiting control number sequencing.

3rd BABN Contract (1878-1886) -	lithographed	247,410
4th BABN Contract (1886-1892) -	lithographed	<u>40,570</u>
		287,980

Working from the last recorded control number - as collected to date

Division Open	12,521
London Division - L 11	none
Quebec Division	33,401
Windsor Division	<u>109,135</u>
	155,057

The catalogue should list the 1/2 pound, black, London - L 11, TOBACCO strip as follows:

RP-227 - 1/2 pound, black, perf 12, London - L 11, on *block wmkd* vertical mesh wove - **WANTED!**

The collection **does not contain** a *control-numbered* copy of the 1/2 pound black TOBACCO London - L 11 strip, perforated 12, lithographed on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove paper

The following *imperfurate* strip is an unfinished remnant. It has been scissor-clipped from an unfinished *imperfurate* sheet. I feel that it is preferable to simply list it without a separate catalogue number.



1/2 pound, black, *imperfurate*, London Division “**L 11**”, *without* control numbering,
Lithographed on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove paper, close-clipped to the design - a remnant strip

It is difficult to decide on the basis of this single Brandom strip, if the above illustrated was an essay, or if the London City-Code “L 11” strip ever saw production. It has been poorly *scissor-cut* from an *imperfurate* production sheet - or from an essay sheet.

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